

Arkansas State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors  
Public Hearing and Meeting– Conner-Hankins Crematory Permit Application

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 12PM

City of Mountain Home- City Council Meeting Room

720 Hickory Street

Mountain Home, AR

Public Hearing - In the Matter of: Conner-Hankins Crematory Permit application

Board Members present and introduced:

James Terry Woodard, Chairman

Bobby Thurman, Vice Chairman

Jerry Adams

Bobby Burns

Ben Brazzel

Staff present: Amy S. Goode, Executive Secretary, Leslie Stokes, Inspector, Mark Ohrenberger, Board Counsel  
Angie Bower – Bushman Court Reporting

Chairman, James Terry Woodard called the hearing to order and explained for the record that the Board was conducting this hearing in accordance with A. C. A. §17-29-313 on the crematory application permit that Conner-Hankins had filed with the Board's office. This statute requires the Board to conduct a public hearing in the city or county in which proposed crematorium is to be located and noticed in the paper having general circulation no earlier than two weeks prior to the date of hearing and not less than one week prior. In addition to the notice, property owners within 250 feet must be notified by registered mail. Executive Secretary confirmed that all of the requirements have been met.

There was no one in attendance that was in opposition of the crematory. Mr. Hankins stated they are going to enclose the existing carport and will place the crematory unit and cooler there. In addition to that, this will also extend their chapel as well. They will have a viewing facility for the families to witness the cremations.

Mr. Ohrenberger stated that we have an 18 page document marked as exhibit one that needs to be made part of the record.

Mr. Thurman inquired if the construction will comply with all local zoning laws. Mr. Hankins stated they have checked with Greg Efflin code inspector and they have no other requirements, rules, or regulations other than the requirements from the Arkansas State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors. They will not require any additional permits from the city to construct, since the roofline is not changing. They are also in the process of getting their air quality permit.

Mr. Efflin was available and did concur with Mr. Hankins statements. He verified also that it did not violate any city ordinances.

Mr. Adams stated he has known Mr. Hankins since he was a little boy and that his family is highly respected people. That if he is involved with anything it will be done correctly; they are very reputable people.

Chairman Woodard concluded the public hearing and to begin the regular board meeting.

Motion made by Adams to approve Conner-Hankins crematory permit seconded by Brazzel, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brazzel to adjourn with no further business to discuss, seconded by Burns, all in favor. Motion carried.